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In re application of:

MATTHEWS, Susan H.

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For: KITS AND METHODS FOR SUSPENDING TOYS OVER A PLAY AREA

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 22, 2002, please enter the following remarks. For Examiner's convenience, attached hereto is a clean version of all claims pending in this case.

REMARKS

Pending claims 1-3, 5-12, and 14-22 have been examined and rejected. Applicants respectfully request re-examination and reconsideration of the pending claims. Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116(b), an amendment touching the merits of the application after final rejection may be admitted upon a showing of good and sufficient reasons why they are necessary and were not earlier presented. In support of consideration of this response, Applicants provide the following: